

**AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEST HIGH SCHOOL
1201 W. NEW YORK ST.
AURORA, IL 60506**

HEALTH ACADEMY – ROOM A-206

**Monday Evening
6:00 P.M.**

April 7, 2008

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. Recognition of Visitors**

This section of the agenda allows for the recognition of any individuals or groups whose attendance should be appropriately acknowledged.

Dr. Edward Howerton will be formally introduced as being recommended for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

- V. Recognition of Audience Wishing to Speak to an Agenda Item**

Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to submit questions or proposals in writing. In order to encourage public participation, individuals wishing to address a specific agenda topic will be asked to indicate which topic and then will speak once the topic is introduced later in the meeting.

- VI. Recognition of Audience Wishing to Speak to the Board**

Any formal request to appear before the Board may be considered at this time. As of this writing, we have received no formal requests to address the April Board of Education Meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to sign up in advance of the meeting, indicating the topic which they would like to discuss.

VII. Special Recognition

Students from West High recently placed first in the Regional Illinois Drafting Contest at Waubensee Community College. The Board will be honoring Chad Becker, 1st place in Mechanical Computer Aided Design (CAD) Drafting Division; Vinny Sotto, third place in Introduction to CAD Drafting Division and Kat Davids, 3rd Place in Architectural CAD Drafting Division. Other students who competed were sophomore Sean Gregg, senior Liz Chollet, senior Mike Roggeman and junior Chad Jimenez.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

BOARD POLICY

A. Policy Section 5

Section 5 was presented to the Board at the March 17 meeting and will be on display beginning April 7 thru May 5.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education accept for a 30-day review period, Policy Section 5 – General Personnel.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Copier Lease for Nicholson Elementary School

Included in your background material is information relative to the request for a new copier for Nicholson Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the lease for a Ricoh 5500 Copier from Ricoh Business Solutions in the amount of \$1116 per quarter for 13 quarters, for Nicholson Elementary School.

B. Request for Proposals re: Appraisals

Included in your background information is information relative to a Request for Proposal from appraisal companies in order to comply with recommendations from the District's auditors.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve an agreement with American Appraisal Company in the amount of \$19,250.00 for appraisal services as recommended by the District's Auditing Firm.

C. Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Included in your backup is information regarding the request to dispose of a pizza warmer, model SM4830-070787-15 at Washington Middle School. A resolution for disposition of these vehicles will be presented for action at the April 7 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Equipment for a pizza warmer, Model SM4830-070787-15.

IX. Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for April 7, 2008.

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Approval of Bill Listings**
- C. Personnel Report**
- D. Payroll Authorization**
- E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time**
- F. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time**
- G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time**
- H. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time**
- I. Appointment – Administrative**
- J. Leave of Absence – Certified**
- K. Leave of Absence – Non-Certified**

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session

XI. Information and Discussion

Vision 129

A. Policy Revision

Included in your backup material is Policy Section 6. The policy will be placed on 30-day review at the April 21, 2008 Board meeting.

Teaching and Learning

A. Library Per Capita Grant

The District 129 Library Media Centers were awarded the Library Per Capita Grant through the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Secretary of State's office in the amount of \$8,819.20. One of the requirements of this grant is a presentation to the School Board assessing the progress toward three of the goals spelled out in Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines. The presentation will be done by Bridget Fitzsimons, Technology Director at West High; Pam McGreer, LMC Director at Washington Middle School and Kathie Bieritz, LMC Director at McCleery Elementary School.

B. Information about the proposed 6-8 Science text and related materials

Science tri-chairs Mike Runge, Debbie McKenna and Ann Butcher will present information about the proposed new middle school science text and related support materials, *Glencoe Science: Levels Red, Green and Blue*. This recommendation comes forward with a unanimous endorsement from the K-12 Science Committee. With life, Earth and physical science in each level of this three-book series, *Glencoe Science* leads students through an inquiry approach to science using real-world content, technology resources, and a variety of lab options that encourage active involvement and deeper understanding. This adoption will support instruction in the science curriculum via its alignment to the Illinois Learning Standards and the District's Priority Learning Targets. The tri-chairs will return to the second meeting in April to answer questions and seek approval for a 30-day public review of materials.

C. Illinois' AYP Accountability Plan -- NCLB Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School

Rosemary Pinnick, Cynthia Latimer and LuAnne Kelsey will present the District 129 Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School. The *No Child Left Behind* Act of 2001 (*NCLB*) and the Illinois School Code contain restructuring requirements that commence when a school does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for a fifth consecutive year. (*NCLB* Section 1116(b) (8); 105 ILCS 2-3.25d) The restructuring plan fulfills the **Other Major Restructuring** option under the law with a focus on the demonstrated support for implementation of the Revitalization Plan for the Eight Period Day of instruction.

Safe Secure Facilities

A. Field Care for West High

At the March 17, 2008 Board Meeting, the Board was presented with information relative to field care for West High. At this time, should the Board have any additional questions or need further information, the discussion will continue.

B. Serious Safety Hazard Finding

Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Mark Engen, Director of Transportation, will present a recommendation of a Serious Safety Hazard Finding on Route 31 and Route 56 in North Aurora.

C. Asbestos Bids for Hall, Smith, Washington and West High

Included in your backup material is a copy of information relative to asbestos abatement bids for Hall, Smith, Washington and West High. Action will be requested at the April 21, 2008 meeting.

D. Review of Security System Proposal for the Administration Office

Included in your backup material is the proposal submitted by Alarm Detection Systems for a security system for the Administration Building. Action will be requested at the April 21, 2008 meeting.

Financial Responsibility

A. FY 09 Budget Update

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will update the Board on the development of the FY 09 budget, specifically staffing at the elementary and middle school levels.

B. Renewal of Chartwells Agreement

Included in your backup information is a proposal from Chartwells relative to the renewal of their contract for the 2008-09 school year.

Community Involvement

A. Registration – 2008-09

Chrissy Poppen will review with the new procedures to be used for registration for the 2008-09 school year.

Correspondence

A. Letter from Dr. Rebecca Sherrick

Included in your backup material is a copy of a letter from Dr. Rebecca Sherrick, President of Aurora University, relative to the Aurora University classroom space at Fearn Elementary School.

B. Note from Rosemary Pinnick

Included in your backup material is a copy of a note from Rosemary Pinnick, thanking the Board, Staff and Students for the flowers sent to her in appreciation for the work she has done with District 129.

C. Note from Butch Musson and Family

Included in your backup material is a copy of a note from Butch Musson, Bus Driver, thanking the Board, Staff and Students, for the recent contribution made in memory of his daughter, Laurie, who recently passed away.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dates to Remember

April 21, 2008	6:00	Board of Education Meeting
May 1, 2, 3, 2008		RENT @ West High
May 5, 2008	6:00	Board of Education Meeting
May 9, 2008		Kane County Educator of the Year Banquet

B. Article highlights to March 30th

FEARN

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Mar. 7 Herald story on Fun Fair

Mar. 15 Chronicle picture of Fun Fair

Mar. 15 Chronicle picture of 101 Dalmatians play

Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners

Mar. 19 Chronicle picture of geography bee winner recognized at board meeting

Mar. 21 Beacon photo of principal kisses pig

Mar. 21 Chronicle picture and story of principal kisses pig

Mar. 21 Herald picture and story of principal kisses pig

Mar. 30 Beacon photo of 101 Dalmatians play

FREEMAN

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners

GOODWIN

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 7 Herald story on Fun Fair

GREENMAN

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 16 Beacon article on Fine Arts Open House

HALL

Included in your backup material are articles from:

HERGET

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 27 Herald – Honor Roll
Mar. 1 Chronicle – Honor Roll
Mar. 9 Beacon photo of spelling bee
Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners
Mar. 19 Chronicle photo of spelling bee winner recognized at board meeting
Mar. 22 Chronicle picture of Leo Club members with donations collected

HILL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 24 Reflejos photo of poster contest winner

HOPE WALL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 2 Herald photo of Special Olympics

JEFFERSON

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners

JEWEL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 26 Chronicle picture of Leo Club recycling
Mar. 9 Beacon photo of Leo Club recycling
Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners

LINCOLN

Included in your backup material are articles from:

MCCLEERY

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 9 Beacon story on reading mentors

NICHOLSON

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 28 Oswego Ledger picture and article on Family Friendship Night has Heart
Mar. 16 Beacon photo of Family Friendship Night has Heart

PARTNERSHIP

Included in your backup material are articles from:

SCHNEIDER

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 4 Herald Article on anti-bully message
Mar. 7 Herald story on Fun Fair

SMITH

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Mar. 9 Beacon picture of invention convention

TODD

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 24 Beacon picture and article on Luz Palacios

WASHINGTON

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 28 Chronicle photo of "Grease"
Mar. 16 Beacon photos of "Grease"
Mar. 16 Chronicle article listing spelling bee winners

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Feb. 24 Beacon photos and article on NHS
Feb. 24 Beacon photo of perfect attendance breakfast
Feb. 26 Chronicle picture of Sports Hall of Fame
Feb. 27 Herald article on former student recognized by WCC and Lions Club
Feb. 28 Beacon picture of assembly for Black History Month
Mar. 1 Chronicle article on National Merit finalists
Mar. 1 Chronicle article on students named State Scholars
Mar. 1 Herald picture of Sports Hall of Fame
Mar. 2 Beacon photo and article on gym floor donation
Mar. 2 Beacon pictures and article on Step Team

Mar. 5 Chronicle picture of gym floor donation
Mar. 6 Beacon story on musical "Rent"
Mar. 6 Chronicle photo of dancers at basketball game
Mar. 8 Chronicle picture of dancers at basketball game
Mar. 10 Beacon article on musical "Rent"
Mar. 10 Chronicle article on musical "Rent"
Mar. 11 Chronicle picture of divers going to state
Mar. 13 Beacon story on spring fashion show
Mar. 16 Beacon article on Latin Tinge concert
Mar. 17 Beacon article on Latin Tinge concert
Mar. 21 Chronicle picture of teachers head shaven at St. Baldrick's event
Mar. 21 Herald photos of teacher's heads shaven at St. Baldrick's event
Mar. 22 Herald photos of "J'Adore Spring Couture" fashion show
Mar. 23 Beacon openline complimenting West wrestlers
Mar. 23 Beacon story on NHS Induction
Mar. 24 Beacon picture and story on West softball team taking Kentucky trip
Mar. 25 Beacon photo of teachers head shaven at St. Baldrick's event
Mar. 28 Beacon pictures and story on "J'Adore Spring Couture" fashion show

DISTRICT

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Feb. 26 Chronicle article on band booster fundraiser
Mar. 1 Herald article on nomination deadline for Distinguished Alumni awards
Mar. 1 Herald article on band booster's Evening of Jazz
Mar. 1 Herald article on school board meeting
Mar. 2 Herald article on school board meeting
Mar. 10 Chronicle story on bus drivers response to emergency situations
Mar. 13 Chronicle picture of bus driver recognized at school board meeting
Mar. 15 Chronicle photo of gym floor recognition
Mar. 17 Herald picture of bus driver recognized at school board meeting
Mar. 18 Beacon story on billing out of district student
Mar. 19 Beacon article on residency fraud
Mar. 21 Beacon photo and story on Rosemary leaving
Mar. 22 Chronicle picture of band booster's Evening of Jazz
Mar. 25 Beacon photo and story on New HR administrator
Mar. 30 Beacon picture of bus driver recognized at school board meeting

XII. Adjourn

- **The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at West High School, 1201 W. New York Street, Aurora, IL in the Health Academy (Enter at Door #1).**

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APRIL 7, 2008

The Board of Education's Consent Agenda contains those motions or resolutions which are deemed routine and/or require little or no discussion. The use of the consent Agenda is intended to expedite the meeting by the elimination of repetitive roll calls and unnecessary discussions. A Consent Agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to its passage upon the request of any Board member. The roll call of votes on the approval of the Consent Agenda shall constitute the roll call of votes on each and every Consent Agenda motion or resolution as if each were voted on individually.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Included with the Board's backup materials are the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held over the past month.

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on March 17, 2008.

B. Bills for Payment

Board members were previously provided with listings of District Bills for review.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$7,971,945.47 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$379,169.60 for the period ending April 7, 2008.

C. Personnel Report

In the Personnel Report for April 7, 2008, we are advising of the resignations of Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Rachel Barrows, Bilingual Teacher @ Smith School; Michelle McManus, Math Teacher @ West High; Andrew Fitzsimons, Technology Directors; David Hall, Custodian @ Todd; Deborah Toberman, West High.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for April 7, 2008.

D. Payroll Authorization

Authorization for Payrolls are requested for May, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve payrolls for the month of May, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$5,550,000.00.

E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Certified Probationary Full Time personnel:

F. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Certified Probationary Part Time personnel:

G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support Personnel – full time:

Mark Rettere, Custodian @ Washington

H. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support

Personnel – part-time:

I. Appointment – Administrative

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Edward Howerton to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

J. Leave of Absence – Certified

Vanessa Garcia, Bilingual Teacher @ Smith, has requested a Parenting Leave for the 2008-09 School Year. This request is consistent with the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Parenting Leave of Absence for Vanessa Garcia for the 2008-09 school year, consistent with the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

K. Leave of Absence – Educational Support Personnel

William McLaughlin, Custodian, has requested a leave of absence for medical purposes for the balance of the 2007-08 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for William McLaughlin for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommendations contained in the Consent Agenda for April 7, 2008.